

ENGINEERING SERVICES
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CAPITAL:

1. The Contractor for the Whiting Creek Trunk Sewer project has completed repairs to the sewer system. They are to complete the testing of the system shortly. Originally, repairs and testing were scheduled to be completed during the second week of April. A delay in getting the sealing contractor has delayed the other work.
2. More discussions have taken place regarding access to industrial and highway commercial lands . A revised proposal has been sent to the County for review and comment.
3. Tenders for the Thames Street Bridge Replacement closed on April 23, 2009. There were four bids received all of which were within budget. AECOM reviewed the documents and recommended awarding the contract to McLean Taylor Construction Limited of St. Mary's, Ontario. McLean Taylor has been notified that they were the successful bidder and are in the process of completing the documentation required to sign the contract. A pre-construction meeting is expected to take place the second week of May. AECOM and myself have been working with the UTRCA, CNR and any other agencies that require permits to ensure as early a start as possible. We are aiming to be on the ground within two weeks. Completion is to take place by September 25th.
4. UEM and Watson and Associates are finalizing valuation for the PSAB 3150 and Asset Management project. There are a few areas where Engineering trying to locate information requested by either or both of the firms mentioned above. There hasn't been a date set for the presentation to department heads and Council.
5. Tenders for the following projects closed on May 7th at 11:30 p. m. The projects are Carnegie Street Major Rehabilitation; Topcoat Asphalt for Cashel Street, Innes Street, Jura Lane, Margaret Street and Cherry Street; Reconstruction of Kensington Ave., Evelyn Ave. and Clarence Ave.; Fusion parking lot. Unofficial results have been posted on the Town's web-site.³
6. Work continues on other Capital projects for 2009 with both County and Town projects.
7. At Council's direction Infrastructure Stimulus Funding applications were submitted on May 1st for three projects. Clark Road east Reconstruction, King Street West Reconstruction (Merritt to Ingersoll) and Wonham Street North Reconstruction. We are now waiting for word on the projects. The Building Canada Fund application was not submitted as time ran out on the submission (Council's direction was to complete if time allowed).
8. We received word from Transport Canada that funding will be coming for the closure of the McKeand Street and CNR crossing. Transport Canada has informed me that an agreement on the funding will be mailed to us shortly. Staff will be moving forward with the detailed design.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Staff has received additional training with our GPS.
2. We hosted a Utility Co-ordinating meeting which was very well attended by Bell, Rogers. Union Gas, Erie Thames, Oxford County Water and Waste Water, Hydro One. It was decided to hold monthly meetings.
3. I attended meetings involving the following:
 - Management
 - Concrete Road Topping Workshop
 - Zoning By-Law Housekeeping Meeting
 - Telephone meetings regarding legal issues
 - Customer Service Committee
 - By-Law Committee
 - OGRA Webinars on Asset Management

Respectfully submitted,

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